

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellants: Stephen R. Van Doren et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	5314
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Serial No.: 10/758,352	§	Group Art Unit:	2186
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For: Transaction References	§	Docket No.:	200313750-1
For Requests In A	§		
Multi-Processor Network	§		

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF (37 CFR 41.37)**

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Date: April 20, 2010

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Sir:

Appellants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated March 22, 2010, in which the Examiner alleged Appellants' Brief lacks a Summary in compliance with 37 CFR(c)(1)(v). The Examiner, however, did not specifically state what is deemed to be defective about the Summary. Over a phone conversation, the Examiner indicated that the dependent claims that were separately argued should be summarized. The rule cited above only requires dependent claims that contain "means plus function" limitations to be summarized, which Appellants have followed (dependent claim 34). No other dependent claim is required to be summarized. Thus, Appellants' Brief is in full compliance with the applicable Rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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